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D.O. No.3-43/2008-RKVY

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Dear

Please refer to the D.O.letter from Shri P.K. Basu, Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation of even number dated 11.11.2008 addressed to the Chief Secretary regarding a national conference scheduled to be held on 6th December, 2008 at New Delhi. The conference on “Convergence in Agricultural Development – Special Focus on Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)” would be held at the National Agriculture Science Center, Pusa Complex, New Delhi. The programme for the Conference is enclosed.

2. There would also be discussion on Kharif scenario and Rabi prospects in the conference in the afternoon session. It is, therefore, requested that information on Kharif performance as well as preparation and prospects for Rabi season may be made available on 06.12.2008 before the start of the conference at the reception desk at the conference venue for compilation and discussion in the afternoon session.

Yours sincerely,

(Pankaj Kumar)

Pr Secy/Secy (Agri)
(all states/UTs)- as per list attached

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Dated the 21st November, 2008

Dear

The Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was launched during 2007-08 with an outlay of Rs.25,000 crore to incentivize the States to enhance public investment to achieve 4% growth rate in agriculture and allied sectors during 11th Five Year Plan.

2 Formulation of District Agriculture Plans (DAPs) / State Agriculture Plan (SAP) is one of the conditions for eligibility to access benefits in RKVY. As per the RKVY guidelines, each district is required to formulate a District Agriculture Plan (DAP) by including the resources available from other existing schemes such as Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF), Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) and Bharat Nirman etc.

3 Planning Commission has brought out a manual for Comprehensive District Agriculture Plan (C-DAP) to facilitate States in preparation of DAPs. The main features of C-DAP are: bottom to top approach in planning; integration of Village Agriculture Plans into Block level plans, and, in turn into District and State Agriculture Plans and active involvement of PRIs at all levels in preparation and approval of the DAPs. It has been reported that the State Governments are in the process of finalization of DAPs as per the C-DAP Manual brought by the Planning Commission. However, the National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), engaged as National Consultant for RKVY, has reported that though the RKVY provides for formulation of a cohesive and integrated approach under DAPs/ SAP, there has been lack of convergence of schemes / projects as these by and large emanated at the State level with very little inputs from districts / PRIs. Thus, there is a need to promote dovetailing / convergence of resources and close coordination among implementing agencies at ground level to enhance growth in agriculture and allied sectors.

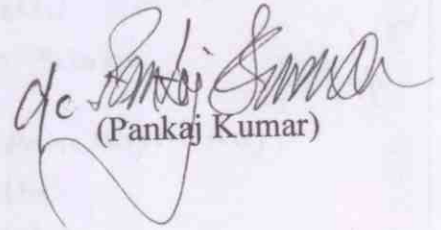
4 In this backdrop, it has been decided to hold a Conference on **6.12.2008 (Saturday)** at Symposium Hall, National Agriculture Science Centre, Pusa Complex, New Delhi to review the status of convergence / integration of various programmes/schemes of Union Government as well as of State Government being implemented in the State under DAPs to facilitate States to achieve their projected growth rates in agriculture and allied sectors during 11th Five Year Plan. Member (Agriculture) and Member (RD), Planning Commission will attend the Conference.

5 A team led by the Agriculture Production Commissioner / Principal Secretary (Agriculture) and comprising Secretary in charge of allied departments of animal husbandry, dairying, fisheries, soil conservation and horticulture have been invited to attend the National Conference. A Vice-Chancellor from one of the State Agriculture Universities is also a member of the team.

6 The agenda is enclosed. The minute-to-minute programme will be communicated in due course.

7. You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the Conference on 6.12.2008.

Yours sincerely,


(Pankaj Kumar)

To

As per list attached

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Dated the 11th November, 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was launched during 2007-08 with an outlay of Rs.25,000 crore to incentivize the States to enhance public investment to achieve 4% growth rate in agriculture and allied sectors during 11th Five Year Plan.

2. Formulation of District Agriculture Plans (DAPs) / State Agriculture Plan (SAP) is one of the conditions for eligibility to access benefits in RKVY. As per the RKVY guidelines, each district is required to formulate a District Agriculture Plan (DAP) by including the resources available from other existing schemes such as Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF), Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) and Bharat Nirman etc.

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4. In this backdrop, it has been decided to hold a one day National Conference on **6.12.2008 (Saturday)** at New Delhi to review the status of convergence / integration of various programmes/schemes of Union Government as well as of State Government being implemented in the State under DAPs to facilitate States to achieve their projected growth rates in agriculture and allied sectors during 11th Five Year Plan. Besides, the progress in RKVY, other major schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation would also be briefly reviewed. Member (Agriculture) and Member (RD), Planning Commission will attend the Conference.

5. It is requested that a team led by the Agriculture Production Commissioner / Principal Secretary (Agriculture) and comprising Secretary in charge of allied departments of animal husbandry, dairying, fisheries, soil conservation and horticulture may be deputed to attend the National Conference. A Vice-Chancellor from one of the State Agriculture Universities in the State may also to be included as a member of the team.

6. The States are requested to send the following information along with details of team, latest by 24.11.2008:

- i. Status of formulation of DAPs, district-wise.
- ii. A brief write up on convergence/integration attempted in the DAPs/SAP.
- iii. Status of implementation of RKVY in the State.
- iv. A list of innovative projects/programmes, success stories in agriculture and allied sector with photograph, which could be replicated in other States, may also be included.

7. The minute-to-minute programme, venue of the meeting and agenda item(s) will be communicated in due course.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Secretary of all States / UTs